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SUBJ: FLORENCE PLAYS HOST TO NATIONAL COMMUNIST FESTIVAL

1. FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 14 THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL 'FESTIVAL NAZIONALE DELL UNITA' IN FLORENCE. THREE MILLION VISITORS ARE EXPECTED BY THE PCI TO VISIT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE CURRENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE CASCINE PARK THREE BLOCKS FROM THE CONSULATE AS WELL AS TO SEE THE VARIOUS CULTURAL EVENTS TO BE HELD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY.

2. THE PCI'S 'HONORED GUEST' IS EAST GERMANY, BUT OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED AS WELL FROM USSR, HUNGARY, FRANCE, CAMBODIA, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, CUBA, BRAZIL, SPAIN AND VIETNAM. REPRESENTATIVES OF 40 OTHER 'REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS', INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, WILL HAVE STANDS OR PRESENT CULTURAL/POLITICAL 'SPECTACULARS'. TIED IN WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FESTIVAL IS A MOVIE FESTIVAL, A JAZZ FESTIVAL AND

THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE PARK
AND IN THE PUBLIC PIAZZAS OF FLORENCE AS WELL AS AT CITY
HALL.

3. HIGHLIGHTS PLANNED OVER THE TWO WEEK PERIOD ARE:

AUGUST 30, COMMEMORATION OF THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE (WORLD
WAR II) FEATURING USSR GENERAL VLADIMIR ANTONOV (WHO
COMMANDED A UNIT INVOLVED IN THE LIBERATION OF BERLIN) AS
WELL AS PARTISANS FROM EAST EUROPE# AUGUST 31, SOLIDARITY WITH
THE 'ANTIFASCIST STRUGGLE IN SPAIN'# SEPTEMBER 2, CELEBRATION
OF THE VICTORY IN VIETNAM# SEPTEMBER 7, COMMEMORATION OF
THE ITALIAN PARTISANS# SEPTEMBER 11, COMMEMORATION OF
THE DEATH OF ALLENDE AND 'SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF
THE CHILEAN PEOPLE'# SEPTEMBER 13, INTERNATIONAL WOMAN S DAY.

4. AMONG SPECIAL EVENTS WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE BALLET
OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND THE BALLET AND
CHORUS OF THE BALTIC SECTION OF THE RED ARMY.

5. FESTIVAL PROMOTERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT ANGELA DAVIS
AND MYRIAM MAKEBA WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF
INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY.

6. PRINCIPA OFFICIAL ADDRESS DURING FESTIVAL WILL BE BY
NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY ENRICO BERLINGUER.
TIME AND PLACE NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

7. THE FESTIVAL WILL CONCLUDE SEPT 14 WITH A LARGE
PARADE THROUGH THE CITY.

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